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Reduction by the District Educational Council, Malabar, of the teaching grants payable to the Mappilla elementary schools, Cannanore range, for 1932–33.

* 266 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur YAHYA ALI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government that the District Educational Council, Malabar, has reduced the teaching grants payable to the Mappilla elementary schools of Cannanore Mappilla range in the year 1932–33;

(*b*) whether as a result thereof the managers of aided schools have been constrained to close down their schools; and

(*c*) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

A.—(*a*) A resolution of the managers of the Mappilla elementary schools (Cannanore range) to this effect has been received.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) Does not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" In view of the avowed policy of the Government to encourage education among the backward and minority communities, will the Government consider the advisability of restoring these grants so as to enable those schools to reopen? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—" May I ask whether the Government will call for a report about the resolution that has been forwarded to the hon. Minister for Education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the information about the number of schools that have been closed down? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" Yes, Sir."

Educational subsidies to District Boards.

* 267 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of high schools and middle schools maintained by each of the district boards in this province;

(*b*) the amount of annual subsidy given to each of the district boards for meeting the cost of these schools; and

(*c*) the basis on which these subsidies have been fixed?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables in Volume II of the Annual Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency.

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(c) The subsidy granted to each district board towards the cost of maintenance of secondary schools under it represents the amount paid to it in 1929–30 with an addition of 5 per cent.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the answer to this question does not make the matter clear. May I know whether the subsidy given to each school represents any definite percentage of the net cost of the school? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It represented half the net cost till the year 1929–30. In that year it was converted into a lump sum grant with an additional 5 per cent. The average of the subsidies of the previous three years was taken and that with an additional 50 per cent was paid as a lump sum grant."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" If the district boards open new high schools and middle schools, may I know what the policy of the Government is with regard to paying subsidies to those schools? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" As a matter of fact, the Government Order states that if, district boards open new high schools and middle schools, they will not get grants."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Minister to reconsider the policy of the Government with regard to subsidies when they find that schools have been opened in backward tracts? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It is not possible in these days of financial stringency."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Are the Government aware that there are a number of schools opened some years ago to which the Government give no subsidy at all? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Were they opened subsequent to the year 1929–30? "

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Prior to 1929–30."

Conversion of Municipal Muslim schools into Government institutions.

* 268 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Muslim middle schools managed by municipalities and the amount granted to each such institution every year;

(b) the actual amount spent in addition by each municipality every year; and

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from any municipality to convert its schools into Government institutions?

A.—(a) & (b) There are three Muslim middle schools under the management of municipal councils. The hon. Member is referred to the subsidiary tables appended to Volume II